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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1 1. (Original) A method comprising:
 - 2 receiving a selection to buy an upgraded media feature for a programming transmission;
 - 3 automatically coordinating purchase of the upgraded media feature for the programming
 - 4 transmission; and
 - 5 automatically coordinating provision of the upgraded media feature for the programming
 - 6 transmission.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving comprises receiving the selection
- 2 from an entertainment system, and the programming transmission is provided to the
- 3 entertainment system with the upgraded media feature.
- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the automatically coordinating the purchase of the
- 2 upgraded media feature comprises:
 - 3 billing a client for services performed by a server system; and
 - 4 providing billing information about the client to at least one of a plurality of
 - 5 programming transmission sources that provided the programming transmission.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the billing is one of performed individually for each
- 2 billable transaction and performed according to a billing cycle for at least one billable transaction
- 3 during the billing cycle.

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1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the automatically coordinating the purchase of the
2 upgraded media feature comprises:
3 billing a client for services performed by a server system and at least one of a plurality of
4 programming transmission sources that provided the programming transmission; and
5 receiving a bill for the portion of the services performed by the at least one of the
6 plurality of programming transmission sources at a later time.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the billing the client and receiving the bill are one
2 of performed individually for each billable transaction and performed according to a billing cycle
3 for at least one transaction during the billing cycle.

7. (Cancelled)

1 8. (Original) A method comprising:
2 sending a selection to a server system to buy an upgraded media feature for a
3 programming transmission; and
4 receiving the programming transmission with the upgraded media feature.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
2 receiving a bill, said bill based at least in part on receiving the upgraded media feature.

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1 10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the receiving the bill comprises a charge to a credit
2 account at one of the end of a billing cycle and at a time when the upgraded media feature is
3 received.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the programming transmission comprises at least
2 one of a movie, a documentary, an audio production, an interactive media event, a situation
3 comedy, a news program, and a televised sports event.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the upgraded media feature comprises at least one
2 of a video upgrade, an audio upgrade, a recordable version, and an increased access rate for an
3 interactive event.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the programming transmission is received from
2 one of a plurality of programming transmission sources and the plurality of programming
3 transmission sources include at least one of cable television, antenna reception, satellite
4 reception, mini-dish satellite reception, telephone dial-up service, and Internet access.

1 14. (Original) A machine readable storage medium having stored thereon machine readable
2 instructions, execution of said machine readable instructions to implement a method comprising:
3 receiving a selection to buy an upgraded media feature for a programming transmission;
4 automatically coordinating purchase of the upgraded media feature for the programming
5 transmission; and

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6 automatically coordinating provision of the upgraded media feature for the programming
7 transmission.

1 15. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 14, execution of said machine
2 readable instructions to further implement:
3 billing a client for services performed by a server system; and
4 providing billing information about the client to at least one of a plurality of
5 programming transmission sources that provided the programming transmission.

1 16. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 14 execution of said machine
2 readable instructions to further implement:
3 billing a client for services performed by a server system and at least one of a plurality of
4 programming transmission sources that provided the programming transmission; and
5 receiving a bill for the portion of the services performed by the at least one of the
6 plurality of programming transmission sources at a later time.

17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Original) A machine readable storage medium having stored thereon machine readable
2 instructions, execution of said machine readable instructions to implement a method comprising:
3 sending a selection to a server system to buy an upgraded media feature for a
4 programming transmission; and
5 receiving the programming transmission with the upgraded media feature.

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1 19. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 18 execution of said machine
2 readable instructions to further implement:
3 receiving a bill, said bill based at least in part on receiving the upgraded media feature.

1 20. (Original) The machine readable storage medium of claim 19 wherein the receiving the bill
2 comprises a charge to a credit account at one of the end of a billing cycle and at a time when the
3 upgraded media feature is received.

1 21. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
2 a server system to receive a selection to buy an upgraded media feature for a
3 programming transmission, automatically coordinate purchase of the upgraded media feature for
4 the programming transmission, and automatically coordinate provision of the upgraded media
5 feature for the programming transmission.

22. (Cancelled)

1 23. (Original) An apparatus comprising:
2 a client system to send a selection to a server system to buy an upgraded media feature
3 for a programming transmission, said client system to receive the programming with the
4 upgraded media feature.

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1 24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the client system comprises:

2 an entertainment system to display the programming transmission with the upgraded
3 media feature; and

4 a user interface to provide a plurality of selection options to a user, said user interface to
5 receive the selection from the user.

1 25. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

2 a receiver to receive a selection to buy an upgraded media feature for a programming
3 transmission;

4 a purchasing unit to automatically coordinate purchase of the upgraded media feature for
5 the programming transmission; and

6 a provision unit to automatically coordinate provision of the upgraded media feature for
7 the programming transmission.

1 26. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

2 a sending unit to send a selection to a server system to buy an upgraded media feature for a
3 programming transmission; and

4 a receiving unit to receive the programming transmission.